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In re Application of Sepe, Christopher Thomas Application No. 09/621,716 Filed: July 24, 2000 Attorney Docket No. 018563-003300US

This is a decision on the petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(b), filed February 25, 2004, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is granted.

This application became abandoned for failure to timely reply within three months to the non-final Office action mailed May 23, 2003. No extensions of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) were obtained. Accordingly, this application became abandoned on August 24, 2003. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed on February 9, 2004.

Petitioner has met the requirements to revive the above-identified application pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b).

The file is now being forwarded to Technology Center 3600 for further examination on the merits.

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